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SUBJECT: SOVIET SOYBEAN PURCHASE

1) AGATT WILL BE IN UZBEKISTAN THIS WEEK. PANASUK AND KEATON WILL ATTEMPT MEET WITH MINPROCUREMENT OFFICIALS TO REVIEW STATISTIC CAL RECAP IN REFTEL AND REPORT. POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF CRUSH CAPACITY IN REGARD TO BEAN PURCHASR REALIZED. AGATT ALSO SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT QUANTITY.

2) USSR FATS AND OILS REPORT WAS AIR POUCHED THIS WEEK. IT CONTAINS PRODUCTION GUESSTIMATES FOR SUNFLOWER AND SOYBEANS. OUR SUN ESTIMATE IS NOT MUCH BELOW USDA LEVEL OF 6.7 WHICH WE LEARNED FRIDAY. REPORT IS UNCLASSIFIED UNLESS WASHINGTON OPTS TO DO SO.

3) KEATON INDICATED FOLLOWING: A) SOVIETS ESTIMATE OF SUNFLOWER CROP AT CONFERENCE WAS 6.0 MILLION METRIC TONS ON 5.0 MILLION HECTARES; B) CROP ASSESSMENT IMPOSSIBLE IN KRASNODAR AREA DUE EARLY STAGE OF GROWTH, BUT CONDITIONS WERE DRY UP TO 50 KILOMETERS EAST AND WEST OF CITY AND CROPS WERE UNDER SOME MOISTURE STRESS;

C) NO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO DATE, BUT TIMELY RAINS WILL BE NEEDED;

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D) SOME EVIDENCE OF INSECT AND DISEASE DAMAGE (SCHLORATINIUM)

BUT LATTER NOT EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY UNLESS WEATHER TURNS RAINY  
AND CLOUDY; F) CONFERENCE ESTIMATE OF SOYBEAN PRODUCTION IN  
1976. IS 350 TO 400 THOUSAND M/T; NO ACREAGE FIGURES GIVEN,  
G) SUBSTANTIAL REPLANTING OF CORN NOTED IN AREA TOURED.

4) AGATT CONFERRED TWICE LAST WEEK WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS ON  
USSR BEAN PURCHASES. INFO REPORTED BY TELEPHONE DUE SOVIET  
REQUEST TO PROTECT UNTIL TRADES WERE COMPLETED. AT 7/10  
MEETING AT MINFONTRADE IT WAS STATED THAT USSR HAS NO FURTHER  
PURCHASE INTENTIONS THIS YEAR.

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